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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Dear Sir or Madam:

This communication responds to the final Office Action mailed on December 1, 2003, in regards to the above-cited patent application.

The two-month period for a first reply is set to expire on February 1, 2004. February 1, 2004 falls on a Sunday. The next succeeding business day, which is not a Federal holiday, is Monday, February 2, 2004.

It is respectfully submitted that this first reply after final is timely filed within the two-month period. If any extension period is required in order for this paper to be timely filed, then Applicants hereby request an extension for such additional time period and authorize the appropriate fees therefore to be charged to the Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.

It is believed that no other fee is required in filing this Amendment. However, if any fee is required, please charge the appropriate fee to the Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.